report on the following schemes for the supply of water to Nandyal and on such other schemes as may be practicable with special reference to the quality of water in the Cuddapah-Kurnool Canal:—

(1) Supply from the Cuddapah-Kurnool Canal with a storage tank near the Peddacheruvu.
(2) Supply from the Cuddapah-Kurnool Canal with a storage tank near the Chinnacheruvu.
(3) Supply from the Mahanandhi springs.

Extension of Tinnevelly municipal limits.

758 Q.—Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) at what cost the Kandiaperi extension of the Tinnevelly municipality was acquired; and

(2) what steps are being taken to parcel it out into house-sites and sell the same to the public?

A.—(1) Rupees 30,843.

(2) The Chairman of the Municipal Council reports that the lay-out of the extension has been completed and the area divided into 56 house-sites but that none of the sites has actually been sold.

Separate Deputy Director of Agriculture for planting interests.

759 Q.—Mr. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) whether there is a separate Deputy Director for Agriculture employed to look after the planting interest, and, if so, for how many years he has been appointed and on what salary;

(2) whether there is another Deputy Director, an Imperial Officer, looking after the area inhabited by planters;

(3) whether the planters have been contributing towards the salary of that officer, and, if so, for how many years and in what proportion;

(4) whether there is a demand from the said planters for exemption from such contribution and, if so, on what grounds; and

(5) for how many years an Agricultural Engineer has been employed, and, if so, what is the kind of work he has been doing in the field of research and in the direction of improving implements and what is his salary?

A.—(1) Yes; the appointment has been in existence since 1909 and the present sanction for its retention expires in April 1924. The holder of the post is a member of the Indian Agricultural Service and the existing incumbent is drawing Rs. 600 per mensem.

(2) No. Possibly the Rubber Mycologist is meant.

(3) It is presumed the words 'that officer' refer to the officer mentioned in clause (1) of the question. The planters have been contributing towards the cost of this officer since the creation of the appointment in 1909. His salary is now Rs. 7,200 per annum and the present contribution Rs. 6,848 per annum.

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(4) No demand has reached the Government for remission of any portion of the contribution referred to in clause (3).

(5) An Agricultural Engineer has been working in Madras since 1st August 1916. He was until September 1920 in charge of the pumping and boring work in addition to agricultural engineering proper. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the annual administration reports of the Department of Agriculture for information as to the work done by the officer from year to year.

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai :—" I wish to know whether—granting that the area is included in a separate circle in charge of the usual Deputy Director, the whole Presidency being divided into so many circles for agricultural operations, each circle being placed in charge of a separate Deputy Director—the planting area is included in such a circle and whether the usual Deputy Director is in charge of it apart from the Mycologist."

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. Venkatareddi Nayudu :—" I do not quite hear the hon. Member, Sir, but I should say that the planting interests require a separate Deputy Director of Agriculture."

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai :—" What I want to know is whether the planting area is comprised in a local circle in charge of a Deputy Director of Agriculture in addition to the Special Deputy Director for planting interests."

11-15 a.m. The hon. Rai Bahadur K. Venkatareddi Nayudu :—" If the hon. Member is referring to separate districts, it is possible that the districts may have to come under the same circle though the jurisdiction may be different."

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai :—" I want to know whether there are two Deputy Directors, a separate Deputy Director for the planting interests and another Deputy Director in charge of the local circle or area, including the planting interests, apart from the Mycologist. Am I to understand that there are three Deputy Directors ?"

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. Venkatareddi Nayudu :—" If the hon. Member will meet me, I shall be glad to give him all the information about jurisdictions, etc."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Is the appointment of the Deputy Director for the planting interests a permanent one and is it on the pensionable list ?"

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. Venkatareddi Nayudu :—" The answer is given in paragraph 1, Sir, that the appointment has been in existence and the present sanction for its retention expires in April 1924."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Is the officer one of the permanent staff ? Is the appointment a pensionable one ?"

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. Venkatareddi Nayudu :—" I am referring to the post and not to the person."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" If you appoint a man who is eligible for pension, does the planting community contribute towards the pension ?"

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. Venkatareddi Nayudu :—" I do not quite catch the hon. Member, Sir."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I shall explain. If the officer has been appointed to look after the interests of the planting community, and if he holds a permanent appointment (pensionable) on the Government list, he would be eligible for pension. Does the planting community contribute towards the pension of this officer? If a pensionable Government officer is appointed to the Local Fund Department, the department is asked to pay pensionary contribution for such officer. Does the planting community do any such thing in this case?"

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—"I want notice, Sir."

APPENDIX A.

[Vide answer to question No. 749 asked by Mr. A. T. Palmer at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st February 1923, page 1488 supra.]

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